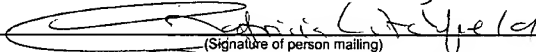




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RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

This is in response to the Office Action mailed on February 8, 2005. This paper is being mailed on May 9, 2005, a Monday. Thus, though due on or before May 8, 2005 (a Sunday), Applicants' response is timely and no fee for extension is due.

A current claim summary is appended as part of this response, starting on its own separate sheet.

Remarks

As a preliminary matter, please note the Information Disclosure Statement enclosed herewith.

Claims 1-15, 18-44, 47-72, 75-92, 95-102, 104-112, 115-122, 124-132, and 135-163 are pending.